

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing Amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application.

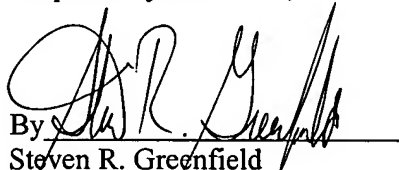
Claims 20-24 are cancelled based on a restriction requirement and are being prosecuted in U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/980-293, filed July 6, 2001.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the specification herein are neither being presented nor made in response to the citation of any prior art known to the Applicant or the Applicant's attorneys. This amendment is further not made for any reason related to any statutory requirements for patentability. This amendment is made solely to more completely describe the subject invention. It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the thorough and complete examination of this application and earnestly solicits an early Notice of Allowance.

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